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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1975

Dear Mr. Premier:

I want to express my gratitude to you and the people of St. Vincent for the splendid stamp album issued by your Government in honor of the Bicentennial celebration of the United States. It is a special pleasure to accept this philatelic gift on behalf of the American people, and you may be sure the spirit of friendship and goodwill which prompted this commemorative series is deeply appreciated.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

Honorable Robert Milton Cato
Premier of the State of
St. Vincent
Kingstown

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
REFERRAL

Date: 11/8/75
NSC log # 7396

MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: Robert Milton Cato

From: President Ford

Date: 10/29/75

Subject: Thank you ltr from Pres Ford to Cato for gift of Stamp Album
from the people of St. Vincent to the People of the US

ACTION REQUESTED:

 Draft reply for: President's Signature
 White House Staff
 Other

 Direct reply Furnish info copy

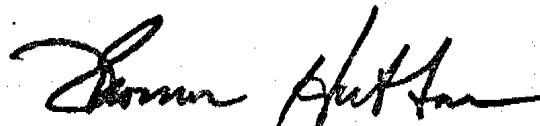
XX Dispatch Translation

 Recommendations/Comments Appropriate Handling

 Other Information

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:


for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1975

To: Roland L. Elliott

For review. Please return to my
office for final typing.

Thanks,


Marge Wicklein

October 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jeanne Davis

FROM:

Marge Wicklein
Marge Wicklein

The attached draft is submitted to you for approval or for whatever changes you deem necessary. Please verify the salutation and address and return it to me and I will run it by Roland Elliott for review prior to final typing.

Draft acknowledgment to:

Honorable Robert Milton Cato
Premier of the State of St. Vincent
Kingstown

10/28

Marge

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D R A F T

Dear Mr. Premier:

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With best wishes.

Sincerely,

GRF

Honorable Robert Milton Cato
Premier of the State of
St. Vincent
Kingstown

Salutation and address per Libby Denham

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MARGE WICKLEIN

FROM:

MILT MITLER *per*

Attached is information about the commemorative stamps which Ted Marrs accepted on behalf of the nation from officials of St. Vincent in the Carribbean.

The album, velvet covered, contains the first of the Bicentennial series of commemorative stamps turned out by that nation. The prime theme is Presidential throughout the 200 years.

Premier of the Island is: The Honorable R. Milton Cato, Premier, and Minister of Finance, Information and Grenadines Affairs.

At your convenience, would you send a "thank you" from the President to Premier Cato as well as a signed photograph. And, would you let me know when it has been done.

Mr. Miller will take care of this per phone conversation

Thanks.

*Sent copy of
Presidential ltr to
Premier Cato dated 10/29/75.
to Mr. Milt Mitler for his
file. - M. Wicklein
11/6/75*

ALTMAN, DICK
BIC. GIFTS (RECIEVED)

September 26, 1975

Dear Dick:

Thanks for your kind note. Ted Harris asked me to express his appreciation also.

Your request is in the works. There will be a letter of thanks to Premier Cato from the President as well as a signed photograph. I'll let you know when it has been sent.

We're pleased everything went so well. You and your group were in the hands of one of the best White House guides. I know he enjoyed showing you around.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Milton E. Mitler
Deputy Special Assistant

Mr. Dick Altman
Leon Jacobson Associates
220 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10017

MEM/abh

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ON JACOBSON ASSOCIATES PUBLIC RELATIONS

EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017 TELEPHONE (212) 697-2620

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September 17, 1975

Mr. Milt Mitler
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Milt:

It was great meeting you the other day and the group from St. Vincent was truly thrilled and honored by the reception headed by you and Dr. Marrs.

Because of the personal nature of the gift, Dr. Marrs said he thought President Ford would respond to the island's premier with a letter of thanks. Would we be out of school to ask for a signed photo of the President to accompany the letter?

As one who thought we would be whisked in and out of the White House, I can tell you that I was in awe of the whole proceedings and that the occasion will indeed be a memorable one for me.

Milt, we never expected it to turn out so well.

Sincerely yours,


Dick Altman

DA:sf

Handwritten note:
Marrs
10/1/75

ON JACOBSON ASSOCIATES PUBLIC RELATIONS

EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10017 TELEPHONE (212) 697-2620

September 17, 1975

Dr. Theodore C. Marrs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Dr. Marrs:

On behalf of the government of St. Vincent, I wish to express our sincere thanks for the warm and personal touch you brought to our presentation in the Roosevelt Room last week.

I speak for all when I say it was indeed an honor and a privilege to have the Bicentennial stamps of St. Vincent accepted by you for the President and the nation.

The tour afterward was an unexpected pleasure and we were all charmed by your anecdotes and recollections about White House life in the past.

In the course of your remarks at the presentation, you mentioned that the President would undoubtedly send a letter of thanks to the premier of St. Vincent.

As I am sure you understand, this gesture would be one of great significance to the government and people of St. Vincent.

In closing, I offer you my own deepest gratitude for an occasion not soon forgotten.

Sincerely yours,


Dick Altman

DA:sf

September 18, 1975

Dear Dick:

Here are the photographs taken in the Roosevelt Room when the presentation of St. Vincent's Bicentennial Commemorative Stamp Collection was made to Dr. Theodore Harris.

I'm sure you can make good use of them.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Milton E. Mitler
Deputy Special Assistant

Mr. Dick Altman
Leon Jacobson Associates
220 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10017

Enclosures

MEM/sjd

bc: Central Files

Hand written note by Milt: " Received your letter after this was written. I'll work on the request. M

BIC. GIFTS (Received)

file d/pc

September 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVE KENNERLY
FROM: MILT MITLER

I would like to have three copies of each of the photographs taken during the Bicentennial gift presentation to Dr. Harris in the Roosevelt Room on September 11, 1975 at 3:00 PM.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

sjd

HAD A CALL FROM MR. ALTMAN ON THIS DATE
REQUESTING PHOTOGRAPHS...

DIC. GIRTS (OFFERED)
(St. Vincent Stamp)

Thurs. 9/11 3:00
Roosevelt Rm

September 11,

75

Milton E. Mitler

White House

by
Dr. Marrs

Please clear the following persons into the Roosevelt Room
for a Bicentennial gift presentation at 3:00 on September 11th:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Altman

Mr. Noel Oswald Baynes

Mr. Walwyn Spencer Blackman

Mr. Sinclair Dacon

Mr. Michael Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. William Herzog

Mr. Joseph Urch

Sandy Drake

White House

191

2800

Roosevelt Room

September 4, 1975

ATTENDEES FOR PRESENTATION TO DR. MARRS IN
ROOSEVELT ROOM ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1975 -- ST. VINCENT STAMP

- ✓ Sinclair Dacon
Minister of Education
- ✓ Noel Oswald Baynes
Chairman
St. Vincent Philatelic Services
- ✓ Walwyn Spencer Blackman
Company Secretary
- Joseph Urch
Philatelic Adviser to the
St. Vincent Government
- ✓ Michael Hamilton
Bureau Manager
St. Vincent Philatelic Services
- ✓ Richard S. Altman
Leon Jacobson Associates

Additional names called in:

- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. William Herzig
American Stamp Representative
- ✓ Mrs. Richard S. Altman

KENNERLY, DAVE

ST. VINCENT STAMP

August 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVE KENNERLY
FROM: TED MARRS

I would appreciate having a photographer cover a Bicentennial gift presentation which will take place in the Roosevelt Room on September 11, 1975 at 3:00 PM.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any further questions, please contact Sandy Drake on extension 2800.

sjd

DICK ALTMAN, 212-697-2620

STAMP

ISSUE ON SEPT 11

BEST TIME

PHOTOGRAPHER = THEIRS/OURS
CLASH w/ PRESS

LIMIT OF PEOPLE - UP TO 6.

ROOSEVELT ROOM
10.00 AM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: TED MARRS
FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WNN*
SUBJECT: St. Vincent Commemorative Stamp Issue

Attached is a letter Lawrence Elliott, Roving Editor, Reader's Digest, wrote to Mr. Gerald Dickler, Hall, Dickler & Howley on June 23 re: St. Vincent's commemorative stamp issue on our Presidents in honor of our Bicentennial.

Gerald Dickler sent it to Ron Nessen who referred it to us. We checked with the NSC who recommends that you accept the stamps on the President's behalf. The entire file is attached.

Thank you.

8/4/75.

TELECALL TO LAWRENCE ELLIOTT & SUGGESTED
PRESENTATION TO TEN. VERY PLEASED. INDIV.
WILL CALL TO ARRANGE TIME & DATE.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND
FROM: JEANNE W. DAVIS *JWD*
SUBJECT: Request for Presentation of a Stamp
Collection to the President from St. Vincent

You asked for our recommendation with regard to the letter from Lawrence Elliott to Gerald Dickler regarding the possibility of presenting the President a stamp issue of the U.S. presidents commemorating our bicentennial. St. Vincent, a dependency of Great Britain, is not an independent country. Given this fact, and the considerable number of requests of this nature which are sure to be received in connection with the bicentennial, NSC recommends against scheduling a presentation to the President. It would, however, be a nice gesture if Ted Marrs (who is coordinating bicentennial matters) or yourself wished to offer to accept them on behalf of the President.

to Ted Marrs.

*Please accept for President.
Thank
WWD*

READER'S DIGEST



ROVING EDITOR - Lawrence Elliott

*What think you, Ron?
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JUL 02 1975

June 23, 1975

Dear Gerry:

My brother-in-law's public relations firm, Leon Jacobson Associates, has as an account the West Indian state of St. Vincent. In September, the S.V. post office will issue a series of stamps, portraits of all our presidents, commemorating the American bicentennial. They are most eager to make a personal presentation of the complete set to President Ford.

All of which is by way of prelude to the question: would it be appropriate, or even possible, for you to ask Ron Nessen to bring this to the President's attention? I know he must be bombarded with similar requests, but -- and I don't mean to sound presumptuous -- it does seem to me that the White House might be pleased to acknowledge this gracious gesture from a quarter of the world where the U.S. has lately not had the brightest image.

St. Vincent commemorative issues, incidentally, are highly regarded in philatelic circles; one of them is featured in the current issue of Paris Match in a story on Queen Elizabeth's stamp collection.

But finally I want to say that if this is awkward or difficult for you in any way, Gerry, please buck the whole thing back at me, no explanation necessary, and be sure that I'll understand your position.

Cordially,

Lang.

Mr. Gerald Dickler
Hall, Dickler & Howley
460 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022

